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"Study History" Advises State Speaker at Women's Club Luncheon

"Everything in California history can be of cultural help to women in their club work," stated Mrs. Eunice Davey Dean of Glendale in speaking to 34 members of the Joshua Tree Women's Club at a luncheon meeting last Wednesday. Mrs. Dean's topic at the Community Hall session was "California History and Landmarks." From state and local history, the speaker said, many ideas can be gleaned which may be turned to the betterment of a community.

Mrs. Dean described many of the historic and geographic landmarks for which California is famous. Among them are the giant redwoods, the seven falls of Yosemite, a 10,000 foot glacier and the highest and lowest points in the United States almost within sight of each other.

A plea for more understandable wording of amendments and resolutions in Club procedure was also voiced by Mrs. Dean. She asked for better representation of individual clubs at conventions. Mrs. Dean was accompanied by Mrs. Bode of Glendale.

The perfectly appointed luncheon was prepared by Mrs. May Beckwith of Desert Air Lodge as her contribution to the Club's fund raising campaign. Mrs. Venice Hoover, program chairman, was in charge of arrangements for the meeting. Several of the Club members served the guests.

In the business session following the luncheon Mrs. Lloyd Wiser described an afghan made by Mrs. Flo Magill to be awarded at the Turtle Races. She said that 61,858 stitches were needed to complete the afghan. A rug made by Mrs. Guy Peterson will be a prize on Turtle Race Day.

Plans drawn by the kitchen committee were explained by Mrs. Gus Ojala and the electrical equipment described. Blue prints of building plans will be obtained by the building committee consisting of Mrs. Henrietta Pepper, Mrs. Charles Mitchell and Mrs. Gus Ojala.

Margret Bair, chairman of bond sales, reported over $1200 on hand with pledges for enough to reach the goal.

A rummage sale will be held by the Women's Club on Wednesday, February 26. On the committee in charge are Mrs. Harry Chittick, Mrs. Will Longshaw, Mrs. Art Gerhard and Mrs. Henrietta Pepper.

Guests of the Women's Club were Mrs. Harry Baker of Bloomdale, Ohio, Mrs. Ann Eggett and Mrs. Leland Smith of Joshua Tree.

Amusement Center Opened by Crane and Baldwin

A new addition to the business and recreational life of Joshua Tree is announcing its opening for Wednesday of this week. It is Jack and Ed's Amusement Parlor located in the Shearn Building on the Highway at Center Street. Informally opened about ten days ago Jack and Ed's has already proven popular with the men and women of the desert who enjoy shuffleboard, pocket billiards and light refreshment. The owners and operators are Jack Cane, former owner of Joshua Tree Building Supply, and Ed Baldwin, co-owner of the Joshua Tree Trailer Park. Both partners are long time residents of Joshua Tree and active in civic affairs.

Two fine pool tables and a shuffleboard game have been installed. The bar, at which beer and soft drinks will be dispensed, is handmade of varnished half log siding with a matching back bar. Jack and Ed's will be open from noon until late evening daily. Keen rivalry between local cue experts and shuffleboard players is developing and good entertainment is assured.

Scout Head to Speak Here

Principal speaker at the regular meeting of Joshua Monument district, B.S.A., on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Joshua Tree Community Hall will be Dan C. Henry of Los Angeles, Deputy Regional Boy Scout Executive. The meeting will be in two sections, stated Joseph Wasserburger, district chairman who will direct the district committee section. The roundtable section will be conducted by C. C. Brown.

Principal item of business of the district committee will be consideration of plans for a financial drive to aid Scouting in this area, according to John L. Duncan, finance chairman. He stated that Arrowhead Council plans to employ a field executive to work in the desert area.

Ken Stockwell, local publicity director, asks that all committee members be present at this important meeting.

Tootle Protests Fuel Prices

Robert Tootle, Sun Valley homesteader, is waging a campaign against what he terms too high prices of propane gas and fuel oil. He has appeared before civic bodies in Joshua Tree and neighboring communities in his battle to obtain legislative action on lower prices. Early this week Tootle announced that petitions addressed to State Senator Ralph Swing will be placed in business houses in the various communities. Anyone wishing to sign may do so, he states.

Former Court Owners Return

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Neff of Los Angeles, former owners of Grandview Motel, have repurchased the property from Balthazar Kundert and will operate it again as Neff's Motel. Mr. and Mrs. Neff are returning after an absence of a year and a half to make their home on

Kroes - Halstead Ranch Gets Poults

The turkey population at Rancho Sun Valley increased last week when 1300 day-old poults were received at the Kroes-Halstead ranch on Wednesday. This was the first of three flocks that will be raised by Bob Kroes, pioneer turkey grower, and the second flock to be started at Sun Valley this year. Fine weather greeted the new arrivals and with brooders at working temperature the flock is making good progress, with the exception of a half dozen or so cripples that were culled the first few days. Bob Beals, Ranchway Feeds representative, assisted Kroes in starting the poults on the scientific feeding program that is expected to produce another crop of typical Sun Valley holiday dinners.

At the King ranch a week ago a building feat was performed that occasioned admiring comment throughout this thriving ranch community. A well organized crew erected the entire framework for a 90 by 20 foot brooder house in one day. Working and advising on the project were Mr. and Mrs. Charles King, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. King, Isaac H. King, Mr. and Mrs. William Shields, Sam Shields Jr., Miss Phyllis Young, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Anderson and baby son, Andy and Phil Wills. Since the initial construction, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. King and Mrs. Charles King have been busy putting on aluminum siding and roof and painting doors and windows.

An engineer crew made the survey for the B-Bar S ranch of Chester Bunker and Forrest Summers, the Arthur Haynes ranch, the Gilman ranch and the Bartlett ranch last weekend. Foundations for a 120 by 18 foot brooder house were staked out and poured on the weekend at the Schroeder ranch by Perry Dutton and Bob Larsen.

Drilling operations and construction of buildings is expected to start this week at the Pontius ranch on the Highway a mile east of Sun Valley road. West of Joshua Tree Mike Malia is constructing a large brooder house for his chicken ranch. At the E. E. Brown ranch adjoining Sun Mesa the store building is nearing completion.

Bert King, Twentynine Palms propane dealer, has been busy helping with gas operated brooder installations at a majority of the ranches.

The next shipments of poults will arrive on or about March 4th. More will follow at two weeks intervals. Several other growers have ordered from various sources since the S.C.T.G.A. schedule was printed last month.

Wilds Buys Gift Box Stock

B. B. Wilds, owner of Wilds Variety Store, last week acquired the stock and fixtures of the Gift Box formerly operated by Kenneth L. Williams. Sunday the business of the Gift Box was moved from the Clifford Building to The Variety Store. Wilds announces that he will continue to handle newspapers, will install a complete line of magazines and popular "pocket" books, and will assume the agency for the various services such as laundry, dry cleaning, shoe repair and film developing that were handled at the Gift Box. This will be in addition to the general merchandising business of Wilds Variety Stors.

January Tourist Travel Drops

A sharp drop of automobile travel into Southern California during January, due in part, at least, to snow and cold weather here, was reported today by the All-Year Club.

The community tourist advertising organization said there were 108,692 arrivals from outside the state coming through the highway gateways leading directly into Southern California.

This was 14.6 per cent fewer than during January a year ago, and it occurs at near the peak of the profitable winter tourist season. The All-Year Club said the result will be felt in some lessening of the tourist income which, last year, amounted to nearly half a billion dollars.

The drop in the motor arrivals was sharper in other parts of the state. Northern highway travel fell 17.6 per cent and eastern entrances, which were blocked at intervals by mountain snowdrifts, fell 30.1 per cent.

Townsite - Land Co. Litigation Settled

Litigation between the Joshua Tree Townsite Company and the Joshua Tree Land Company over several tracts in the Joshua Tree townsite was settled last Thursday, according to Chester R. Bunker, president of the Townsite Company. After a hearing before Judge Runnells in San Bernardino the heads of the companies concerned came to an agreement. All tracts in the original subdivision were involved. It was announced that all deeds which have been held up pending settlement will be mailed to property owners within a short time.

Former Joshuan on Operation Haylift

Frank Leyhe, son of Mrs. J. Merritt Leach of Joshua Tree, in a recent letter to his mother gives an interesting account of his participation as a volunteer in the "Operation Haylift." This was a project of the U. S. Air Force to help the ranchers whose sheep and cattle were in danger of starving unless food could be sent to the snowbound areas. Frank made several trips from Fallon, Nevada to the vicinity of Ely, Nevada as a member of the crew of a Flying Boxcar from which baled hay was dropped to the isolated herds.

Leyhe described the flights and particularly the short wave radio control of the formations. He was also impressed by the beauty of the snow covered mountain scenery. Rough flying weather, he said, made operations hazardous.

Leyhe is a former player on the Cubs softball team. He is now employed on a housing construction project in Reno, Nevada.

P.T.A. - Community Association Pot Luck Draws Full House

More than a hundred Joshuans and Sun Valley residents dined lavishly from a tempting array of foods at the potluck dinner given by the Community Association and the PTA last Tuesday evening in the Community Hall. Business meetings of the two groups and a program of readings followed the dinner. Mrs. Gray Krumcke was chairman of the committee that planned and served the sumptuous repast. Assisting her were Mrs. Charles Peterson, Mrs. Charles Mitchell and Mrs. Lloyd Wiser.

Mrs. Melvin Bryant presided at the PTA meeting immediately following the dinner. Principal business of the session was the selection of a nominating committee to pick candidates for offices to be filled at the March election meeting. Mrs. H. K. Lee heads the committee consisting of Mrs. Vera Braham, Mrs. B. B. Wilds and Mrs. Gus Ojala.

With President Harold Jost conducting the Community Association meeting James Phillips reported

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Last Week's Weather

Date	High	Low	Av.
Sun., Feb. 13	45	20	32½
Mon., Feb. 14	47	19	33
Tues., Feb. 15	58	22	40
Weds., Feb. 16	63	26	44½
Thurs., Feb. 17	68	30	49
Fri., Feb. 18	70	32	51
Sat., Feb. 19	70	34	52

The Personal Touch

Accompanying Mrs. James Whitehorn from Palm Springs Mrs. C. W. Allison, Miss Eileen Allison, Mrs. F. S. Preston and Mrs. J. K. Lilly paid a visit to the Journal office last Tuesday. Included in a tour of inspection of the Joshua Tree area was a trip through the National Monument.

Arthur Gerhard of Los Angeles spent several days at his Joshua Tree home last week. He has just completed a special assignment in Santa Maria for the Hudson Motor Co. and has been transferred to the Los Angeles area.

Guests of the F. F. Branthoovers last week were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker of Bloomdale, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Greisinger of Delta, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Halstead of Burbank weekended at Mira Monte Court. They inspected their newly arrived turkey poults in Sun Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Newton of Lynnwood were weekend guests at the Leo Emigs in Sun Valley.

Louis Donat, maitre d'hotel at Arrowhead Springs, was a Joshua Tree visitor last Wednesday. In the evening he dined with Chester Bunker and Stefan Moninger in San Bernardino.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Fields drove here from Inglewood to spend the weekend at their Alta Vista home.

Saturday callers at the Leo Emigs in Sun Valley were Russ Pellow and J. Blue from Klamath Mr. Pellow is contemplating more building in Sun Valley.

William G. "Bill" Bunker phoned his parents from San Francisco last week to say that he was sailing for Manila to be gone several weeks. He had just returned from a voyage to far eastern ports on the S. S. Alamo Victory.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvard Wade, Mrs. Elsie Grant and Mrs. Pearl Barton of Los Angeles were weekend guests at Joshua Tree Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Wade are Sun Valley property owners and their guests also purchased property while here.

Saturday callers at the Journal office were Dr. Edwin J. Dingle and his guest George Robertson of Seattle, Washington. The latter is regional director of the National Foremen's Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Williams Sunday moved into the south apartment in Lydays duplex on Grand View Circle.

To be nearer her children, Mrs. Nellie Decker moved from Sunrise Trailer Court to Yucaipa. Mrs. Decker was president of the Joshua Tree PTA until her departure.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hatcher of Long Beach are occupying the Dr. Teege home on Sunburst Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jost attended the installation services of the Southeast Rod and Gun Club at the Downey Country Club last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Longshaw and sons, Jeffry and Harrison, were weekend guests of the Herb and Will Longshaws. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Longshaw accompanied them to Alhambra on Sunday for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schroeder of Los Angeles were visitors in Joshua Tree and Sun Valley last Sunday. Mr. Schroeder is looking for a site for a Pentecostal church.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Stevens who are now living in Indio were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Laughlin last weekend.

Mrs. Claud Wilson of Salt Lake City is a guest for three months at Desert Air Lodge. Mr. Wilson spent last weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin and daughter of Los Angeles were Sunday visitors in Joshua Tree. Mr. Martin with his brother started the concrete block plant in Joshua Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell held open house at their attractive new office on the Highway on Sunday . Many friends and patrons dropped in to wish them success.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mull of Los Angeles spent the weekend in their Joshua Tree home on Sunrise Terrace.

Gals Get Prizes

The fair sex copped all door prizes at Friday's bingo session. Fifty players attended. Mrs. Gray Krumcke won first door prize, Mrs. Perry Dutton was second, and Virginia Herling got the third award.

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Yucca Valley Notes

By Homer A. Stuart

Mrs. F. F. Warren came out from Banning Sunday afternoon to inspect a cottage which she and Mr. Warren may move into within 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson of Downey spent a recent weekend at their lovely Bannock Trail home. They were sporting a new Hudson sedan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McCollum and Mrs. Tom Scarvan of Mountain Yucca Acres subdivision planned to attend the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival at Indio Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Geiger returned recently from Los Angeles, bringing their small grandson for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Shipley returned to their Deer Trail home Friday, after a few days in South Gate and Bell on business. They reported uncomfortably warm weather in the city and said they were glad to be home.

Bill Lorensen accompanied by Mel Ferris drove to Alhambra last Tuesday, where Bill visited friends and spent the week at the home of his niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomas, returning on Friday evening, bringing Miss LaDon Lewin of San Gabriel, who was the weekend guest of her school chum, Iona Lorensen.

After three weeks in Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pollard returned recently, accompanied by C. G. Lopez. In the city they visited Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Iler. Mrs. Margie Iler's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born on February 9th. The baby, weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz., was named Linda Diane. Mrs. Hall is Mrs. Pollard's niece.

During her recent trip to the city, Mrs. Edith Peters attended the Magic Show which John Calvert put on at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre. He niece is working in the production. Mrs. Peters reported that Calvert's equipment was recently destroyed by fire. Calvert will be remembered in Yucca Valley for his efforts for the Boldman home benefit.

Mrs. Minor Rolfe is at San Francisco for a brief business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davenport of Fullerton spent a recent weekend at their valley ranch.

Louis and Silvan Sarrail made a business trip to San Bernardino on a recent Monday.

This is how linotype metal and paper were packed into Stuart's Hidden Rancho for the last edition of the Yucca Valley Star. Ed Eshom, guide, and Bill Pace of the Buckin' Horse Ranch volunteered to help the snowbound publishers. Eshom is shown piloting Pace's burro train.

Bill McClung and Tommie Davis began last Thursday laying pipelines and grading roads in Section 1, for Al Anderson, Mr. Vogel and others.

Mrs. Henry T. Johnston and small son, came up from San Diego recently to join Mr. Johnston, who is erecting a new home on their property in Yucca Acres.

Miss Gertrude Hagum came out from Redlands for a brief visit with her parents, the Andrew Hagums.

Mrs. Edith Peters returned a week ago from a 10-day trip to Gardena, where she visited Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Stahly, her sisters, Mrs. Karney and Mrs. Tracy, brother, Walter Kinsey and parents, Mr .and Mrs. Kinsey. Mr. M. E. Peters, Floyd's brother, and Dick, Edith's boy, accompanied her home for the weekend.

Daniel is the name of the 7 lb., 5 oz. son born to Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Sall of the Pipes Canyon near Pioneertown. The baby was born at 2 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18th at the Thos. H. Ince Memorial Hospital at 29 Palms. The Salls were very happy over the arrival, especially so because they wanted a son. They are the parents of 3 little girls. Papa "Ernie" was said to be busily passing the cigars.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lanier of Los Angeles visited Thursday afternoon at the C. E. Myers home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Myring of Ontariio came out last Thursday for 3 days, and put in their time planting flower seeds in their yard and doing work on the interior of their Deer Trail home.

An afternoon Bunco party will be given on Thursday, February 24th at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Roy Pifer, corner Navajo and Bannock Trail in Yucca Village. Admission wil lbe 25c, and the proceeds wil lbenefit the PTA. Everyone is cordially invited.

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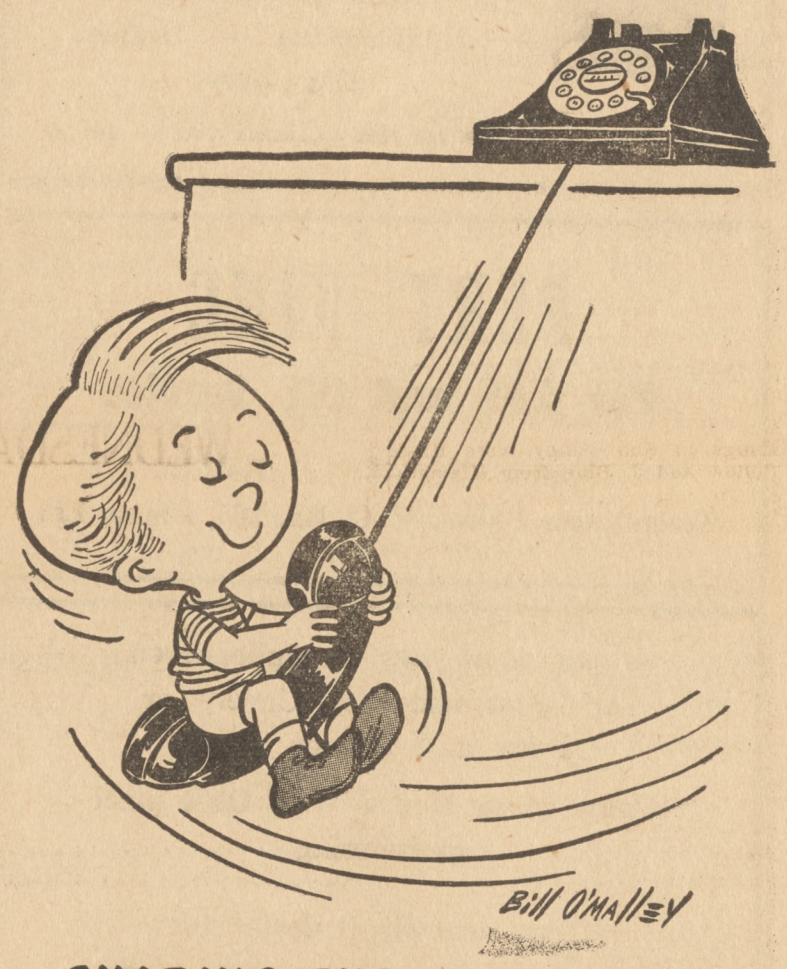

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Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON

BY WHAT ARE WE KNOWN?

We read, "Tell me what you eat and I'll tell you what you are." Or, "A man is known by the company he keeps." "Thy speech betrayeth thee," is the way the Bible states a similar thought. And, by the same token, we are also judged by the type of books we most enjoy reading.

For an example, we will take "Mac." You do not know "Mac" because he is practically a stranger in this Valley. At present he is the house-guest of my near-neighbor. Recently when he had an opportunity to spend several days in Hollywood, he brought back five books he had purchased while down there: "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING," by Dale Carnegie; "AS A MAN THINKETH," by James Allen, and "THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT," by Emmett Fox. Also there was a collection of coveted verses,—ONE HUNDRED AND ONE POEMS," and a new book by Lloyd Douglas, THE BIG FISHERMAN."

Involuntarily my respect for "Mac" went up several degrees when I saw that array of book-friends which he had acquired! And who can gainsay that good books are not good friends? From these silent associates we learn many valuable lessons. With them we can relax and feel at ease. And by them does the world judge us!

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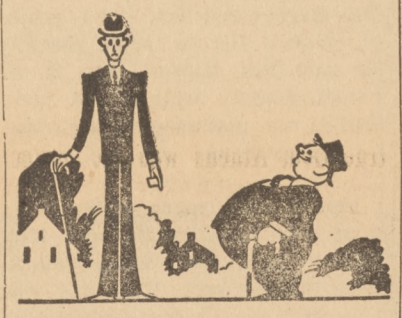

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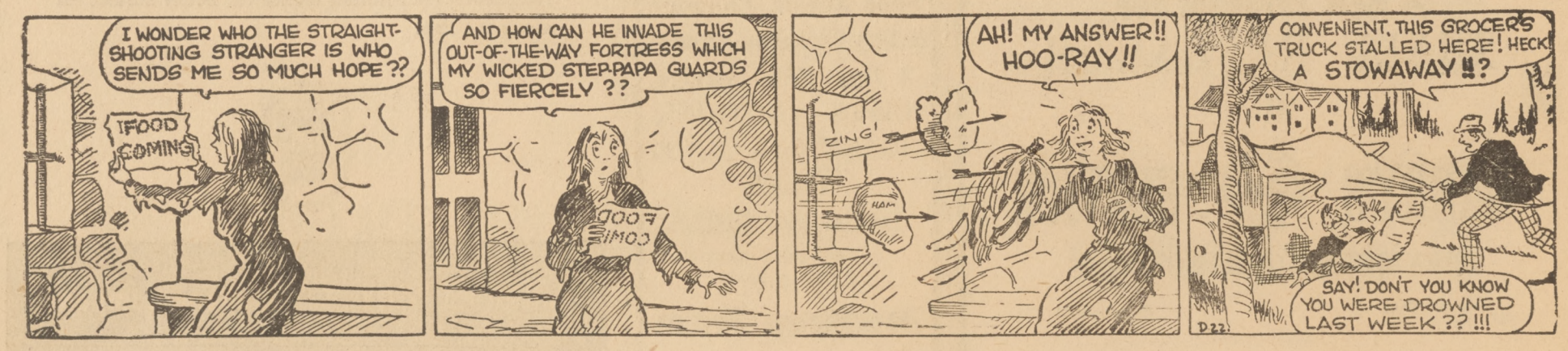
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CONVENIENT, THIS GROCER'S TRUCK STALLED HERE! HECK! A STOWAWAY!?
SAY! DON'T YOU KNOW YOU WERE DROWNED LAST WEEK?? !!!

Pot Luck Dinner

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that 30 Chinese elms and 4 pine trees had been set out as part of the landscaping plan for the grounds at the Hall. He called for volunteers to assist in hauling and placing rocks around the trees and outlining walks. This will be done on Sunday, February 27.

C of C president McMillen announced tentative plans for the Annual Turtle Race Sweepstakes to be held on May 1st. He also reported that the County will provide warning signs at the proper distance from the highway stop signs.

William Roth stated that the "Joshua Tree" sign was ready to be placed at the west edge of town, but the exact location was to be decided by a committee headed by F. F. Branthoover. James Shearn displayed the slogan stickers and announced they were for sale.

After a talk by Ken Stockwell of the Joshua Monument Scout committee the Association voted to sponsor a Boy Scout troop and Cub Pack. Mrs. Lloyd Wiser and Mrs. Harry Wheeler volunteered to act as den mothers for the pack. Appointed to act with Stockwell in planning for the thoop were Harry Wheeler, Bud Lyday and Roy V. Pierpoint.

Robert Tootle read a letter from a butane distributor and asked that the Association join in protesting present prices.

Humorous readings that brought enthusiastic applause were given by Mrs. F. F. Branthover and her guest Mrs. Harry Baker of Bloomdale, Ohio.

At the close of the meeting seventeen new members joined the Community Association.

Boy Scouts Roller Skate

Troop 75, Yucca Valley Boy Scouts, were taken by Bruce Burns and Mr. Bayes for an evening of fun to the Roller Rink at 29 Palms last Friday evening. Ten Scouts, accompanied by their guests, Leslie Mercatoris and Eddie Hardesty and Scout Master Barney Copley, were said to have had a fine evening.

Examiner to Issue Licenses

B. Dawson, examiner for the State Department of Motor Vehicles, notified the Journal that he will be in Twentynine Palms on Wednesday, February 23, for the purpose of issuing drivers licenses to those who pass the examination. He will be at the Josh Barn from 9:30 until noon and from 1:00 to 5:30 in the afternoon.

Episcopalians Plan Services

Mrs. Joan St. John has issued a call for all members of the Episcopal church who are interested in having Sunday services held in Joshua Tree. She states that if enough members express a desire for it the matter can be arranged. Mrs. St. John can be reached at Desert Air Lodge, telephone 0811.

Church Corner

There were eighteen present at Sunday School this week and about double the usual church attendance.

The Bible Study Group will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rollins, Wednesday evening at 7. Henrietta Pepper will be the leader. The pastor, Dr. D. C. Williams, based his message on the scripture from Acts 17, where Paul discovers the altar to the unknown God on Mars Hill in Athens, Greece.

Though the world was in darkness as to the knowledge of the true God, Athens was the perfection of civiligation in the ancient world, the modern age beginning with the death and resurrection of Christ.

First Paul disputed in the synagogue and then met in the heart of the city the two distinct minds, the Grecian and the Jewish. When the people thought Paul told of a new God, in speaking of Christ, he said, "The unknown God whom you worship, Him I proclaim." But God is not found through the intellect alone. We must reason together with Him to know and love Him. Outward religious show does not satisfy us.

Human beings will worship something. There is an unknown God in every heart. The blindness of ignorant worship is pitiful. Even the Israelites, whom Jehovah had delivered from slavery, erected the golden calf to be worshipped when their leader, Moses, was away for awhile.

Until man comes to God, he is not going to get anywhere. Christianity gives light when all else is darkness. Calvary is eclipsed by the made rush after transient things. Fear grips the hearts of people and materialism is so strong it stifles the godly message.

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School Notes

Cattle Stalking. On Wednesday morning, February 16, the school kids saw a few cattle up on the hill. Mrs. Braham asked us how close we wanted to get to them and the kids all said, "Right next to them." So we all started out. Billy Brown, Damon Wheeler and Gary Hoover started out a little to the east and circled around the seven white-faced cattle and got within 50 yards of them. The boys crawled closer and the other kids and the teacher came up from the south. We think they were Sheriff Stocker's cattle, but we couldn't get close enough to see if they had a brand. After awhile the cattle ran away to greener grass, or to get away from us.—Damon Wheeler.

Nature Hike. When the cattle got too far away for us to follow them, we started back to school. We picked some of each kind of grass or weed or flower that the cattle were probably eating. After we got back from the hike, Sandra Van Tassel and Nancy Marble planted some of the things we found in a large white bowl. Then we set it out on the patio porch. Some of the plants we found and planted were beaver tail cactus, wil lilies, cholla cactus and sand verbenas.—Nancy Marble.

Track—Spring is Here. After Mrs. Braham showed us a film on track running all the children went out on the ball diamond and ran races. We raced all during our physical education period. After we ate lunch at noon we went back out again. This time we did some broad jumping. Now that spring is here we can get out and get some exercise.—Bill Brown.

Quick Answer. The children in the school wrote letters to several people all over California to ask for pictures and information about Early California. Virginia Bauer was the first to get an answer, just five days after she mailed her letter. She got five booklets with pictures and information from the Title Trust and Insurance Company of Los Angeles. One of the booklets is about "Romance of the Ranchos" and it will be a big help to the children in their study.—Virginia Bauer.

Yucca Valley Notes

Mrs. Edith E. Brown of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, mother of Mrs. Elinore Leavitt and Ruth McClug, and another daughter, Mrs. R. D. Brown of Los Angeles, arrived Friday the 18th for a visit at the Leavitt and McClung homes in Water Canyon. Brs. Brown will remain for a long visit and the girls' sister, Mrs. Brown of Los Angeles, remained until Monday of this week. Elinore Leavitt returned Friday from the Redlands Hospital to recuperate from a recent major operation.

Mr. W.W. Gaily is having a new home erected on his property in Inca Trail, near Pueblo. The water was put in on Thursday.

Another local property owner, Dante Lavelle of South Gate, has moved his trailer on his 2½ acres in Yucca Acres. He plans a small farm, it was reported.

Sun Valley Club to Meet at Petersons

Sun Valley Club members will meet on Thursday evening, February 24 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Peterson in Joshua Tree. The regular monthly session will be called at 7:30 p.m.

X-Ray Unit Visits Desert

The mobile laboratory of the San Bernardino County Tuberculosis and Health Association spent last Monday and Tuesday in the Joshua Tree area giving free chest X-rays to all who wanted them. Driven and operated by Elmer Allspaugh the huge trailer visited Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree on Monday and then operated in Twentynine Palms on Tuesday.

Twelve persons were X-rayed at Morongo Valley, nine at Yucca Valley and 49 received the service in Joshua Tree. Had the event been publicized more people might have availed themselves of this health service. Assisting at Joshua Tree were Mrs. Melvin Bryant and Mrs. Harry Wheeler.

Valley PTA Meets March 2

The regular meeting of the Yucca Valley PTA will take place Wednesday, March 2nd, 2:30 p.m., at the schoolhouse. There will be election of officers and all members are urged to be present. Refreshments will be served.

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